

CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE

SB 1906 - HB 2218

February 22, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits any state, state-affiliated or local government entities that receive state funds from providing indigency benefits to illegal immigrants, 18 years of age or older, unless required by federal or state law. Indigency benefits include driver licenses and certificates, post-secondary educational grants, scholarships, or other reductions of fees or tuition, public health benefits provided by the Department of Health or through the Bureau of TennCare, food stamps and other financial benefits provided by the Department of Human Services, and public housing benefits.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On February 21, 2005 we issued a fiscal note on this bill indicating: *increase in state expenditures – net impact - exceeds \$100,000*. This estimate did not take into consideration the decrease in state revenues that will be lost due to the discontinuation of the certificate for driving issued to undocumented immigrants. As a result, the estimated fiscal impact of this bill is:

(Corrected)

Decrease State Revenues – Exceeds \$700,000

Increase State Expenditures – Net Impact - Exceeds \$100,000

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health would have to require verification of immigration status for some primary patients seen in local health departments. Such could have a highly adverse impact on public health services if a person leaves without proper medical care.
- Fear of being reported to immigration authorities, even though the person is eligible to receive other health care services, could result in an impact on department programs such as TB, HIV/AIDS, STD, Prenatal Care, Family Planning, and Immunization Services.
- Could result in increase in TB, STD, HIV/AIDS diseases affecting the wider population, not just illegal immigrants.
- A decrease in state expenditures associated with the issuance of the certificate for driving for undocumented immigrants.
- A decrease in state revenues from not collecting the fees associated with the certificate for driving for undocumented immigrants.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director